

**SCL Transitional Board Meeting
June 2, 2018
Northborough Public Library**

In Attendance:

Shreya Murthy	<i>MASCL President 18-19</i>
Christina Yee	<i>MASCL Vice President 18-19</i>
Jason Zou	<i>MASCL Treasurer 18-19</i>
Andrew Machkasov (via Hangouts)	<i>MASCL Parliamentarian 18-19</i>
Jonathan Yuan (via Hangouts)	<i>MASCL Secretary-Historian 18-19</i>
Ting Wei Li	<i>MASCL Webmaster 18-19</i>
Jacob Hane (via Hangouts, entered 11:30)	<i>MASCL MAL/Editor 18-19</i>
Anna Aldins (via Hangouts)	<i>MASCL Member at Large 18-19</i>
Greta Gaffin	<i>MASCL Member at Large 18-19</i>
Dalena Nguyen	<i>MASCL President 17-18</i>
Mr. Howard	<i>MASCL Advisor</i>
Ms. Luong	<i>MASCL Advisor</i>
Francesca Fontin	<i>MASCL Secondary Member</i>

Regrets:

Drew Dalton	<i>MASCL Member at Large 18-19</i>
Anushree Iyengar	<i>MASCL Member at Large 18-19</i>

GENERAL DISCUSSION

10:04- THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER.

10:04 - Shreya starts off the meeting and says that she planned to have this in-person meeting at Northborough because of its centrality, but apologizes for any inconvenience with traveling, etc.

10:05 - Shreya states that the board should first talk about States, so that it can prepare for next year. The question is posed about what SCL is responsible for at states and what they are in charge of. This is very important so there's no confusion, ex. Dollars for Scholars. Then, she says that the board will discuss the Constitution and Certamen.

10:06 - Mr Howard says that things will be organized better at State Convention next year, but just wants to make sure everything is accounted for, because things can slip through the cracks. Shreya says that she wanted this meeting before the JCL Transitional Meeting to give time to let JCL know about what is discussed in the SCL report for transitional meeting in order to get them on the same page.

10:07 - Dalena says the SCL is in charge of Academic Testing, Certamen, and Graphic Arts, and TE, and when at Barnstable, to set up with pizza delivery on Sunday.

10:08- Shreya asks if only SCL is in charge for Academic, and Luong says that SCL corrals JCLers and help with scantrons, and then sponsors come back and SCLers can do other jobs around convention, as sponsors take over as proctors; Ms. Luong is applauded for her continued dedication to organizing testing; Mr. Howard says that it can be a logistical nightmare. At Sturbridge, all testing is in one place, but at Barnstable, there are two locations. The SCL and adults have to get all of the tests to the locations they need to be in, and get kids into those

places, and get in, seated, distribute, etc. Mr. Howard states that the system this year didn't work, because only one person giving out tests was inefficient and people made lots of noise while waiting.

10:10 - Howard asks for ideas about Academic Testing to make it run more smoothly. It is proposed that testing could be in PAC, with students in every other seat. It could be done right after GA, with seating starting from the back of the PAC and continuing forward. The only issue is that it can't be set up beforehand and that the entertainment happens in PAC, but that can be moved that to a different spot.

10:13 - Shreya says that we still have the cardboard for testing, but if we don't, we can get it for pretty cheap so it's not a concern.

10:13 - Greta brings up the pizza situation on Sunday. Francesca says the parade was done too quickly, so SCL didn't have time to set up. She also says that the issue was distribution, as at the end, there was lots of extra pasta and some people only got pasta. The toga parade was not managed well, and people agree that we should offer two slices or one slice and pasta for everyone.

10:16 - Dalena says we need more people to help out. At Barnstable, there were not lots of helpers with Graphic Arts. Luong says registration begins at 4:30, but with SCLers at the hotel, they can't come early or when JCLers come, as they have to wait for shuttle bus too. She proposes to shuttle SCLers earlier maybe by car, but says it may be something we just have to accept. Jonathan proposes to push registration back, but Luong says that there would be no places to leave art pieces. The board decides to just work as well as we can.

10:17 - Shreya brings up TE. Christina says it was confusing because Eddie asked for help but there was no prep to do, as they only needed stagehands. She says there were other things to help with and that it could have been smoother if they had more preparation. She also says that having an SCL skit was entertaining, but not having it this year felt sort of empty. Shreya and Francesca say that there was no time to prepare because of the changed fellowship schedule, so they needed to ensure that people were there to help out when needed. Dalena also says that we didn't have gift cards this year, and that we should prepare prizes for winners of TE.

10:19 - The board discusses the voting fellowship change, and Jonathan explains the reasoning behind it. He says that it was changed to prepare for potential state of emergencies, which happened this year. He states that this change was a test run, but due to its success, it will likely be implemented in the future. The board agrees to look closer to find a way to add more time to prepare for TE.

10:21 - The board discusses Dollars for Scholars. Ashley, current MassJCL Treasurer, reached out to help work on a new Dollars for Scholars powerpoint. Shreya says that she will ask for the powerpoint from JCL as early as possible, so that SCL has an idea of time, format, etc., and states that we should tell everyone to bring money for it this year, as that was a big problem at States.

10:22 - Shreya brings up SCL mixer, which did not happen this year. Francesca says it likely didn't happen because of time conflicts and scheduling. However, it's good for people to know what to do and know more about the organization, so bringing it back is supported. Having voting fellowship as the first meeting makes it tough and not super popular to join SCL. The board agrees that it could be done on Saturday night, during Entertainment or Dance, as many adults are off during that time. At the mixer, it is agreed to both have fun and go over the elections/positions, so it doesn't run over into GA like it did this year.

10:25- Mr. Howard asks if SCL can buy another scantron, as it would speed the grading process along. At Nationals, every test has a code, so instead of writing the ID on the scantron, maybe we could invest in the same one. We also don't have the calibration piece of the scantron machine, which may interfere with scanning in the future. Since scantron sheets are expensive, it is proposed to find other systems. Shreya suggests using a grading app with a picture of a grid, but scantrons are so much faster, and Mr. Howard says that with all of these suggestions for fun, we need to ensure that everything is efficient.

10:28- Mr. Howard says that there is a list of contests, prep materials, etc. for NJCL, and asks if we can create something for that for MassSCL. There would be folders for certamen resources, running tournaments, templates, moderator instructions, academic testing templates, copies of study resources, etc. to streamline and to help kids too to help them do well. Dalena says that Latin 2 takes upper grammar, but people are concerned about the difficulty, and asks if it should be its own test. At Nats, each level has its own grammar test, but Ting says that Latin 2 should be upper and that it should be permanently changed. Mr. Howard says that there are subjunctives in Intermediate, so Latin 2 should always be upper. Shreya wants to send the files to JCL and make sure that they can have the updated info and says that it should be put on the MassSCL website.

10:31- Dalena brings up making a rubric for preconvention writing, and Luong says that she went through what other states were using and made a draft of one. It requires more work but it's something good to start off with. She says that MassJCL should update the convention booklet with the new rubric. The idea of following the national rubric is posed, but Nationals is very different because MassJCL has much more categories. Thus, the contest should be transparent and organized. It is agreed that the rubric must be published ahead of time and should focus on each category. Greta says that there should be a theme, but Howard says that we should keep it the same but just publish the rubrics, put some criteria in the convention booklet, make it more specific, etc.. Shreya says she got entries which didn't follow the rubric, so we should say what kind of writing we're looking for.

10:36- Shreya says that we should make sure that we update the parts of the contest booklet, and give it to JCL so they can publish it for us.

10:37 - Mr. Howard asks if they have the tests from this year, and Dalena says that they do. Mr. Howard asks her to save the cover sheets as separate files for future use.

10:37- Certamen is brought up, and Mr. Howard says that Street Certamen was a hit. He says that we don't need the registration meeting, but Greta mentions that there were issues with finding the rooms. Mr. Howard says that the rooms got confused because people didn't register and didn't come, but once it was updated it got resolved. Shreya says people didn't realize that they had to actually come to the events they signed up for. Mr. Howard says that we just have to be vigilant and set strict times to start.

10:40 - Greta says that since as other people skip events they sign up for other events like Olympika, they think it's ok - we just have to ensure that they know.

10:40 - Francesca approves of the digitalization of Street Certamen, as it made it streamlined, but says that we should put the bit.ly links into the program. Mr. Howard says that there should be a script before GA, as sometimes he gets called up and doesn't know what to say. The board agrees to ask JCL to send through the script to the people who are speaking.

10: 42- Dalena asks why they do preconvention writing results at GA, and Shreya says it's just because it happened one year and kept going. This year, they didn't announce awards at

breakfast and didn't post all results. Mr. Howard says that this was because the results weren't finalized until much after.

10: 47- It is agreed that SCL not responsible for Swimming Olympika, as that is a JCL duty.

10: 47 - Shreya says that she will ask the JCL Board to share the script with her, and that they should do it every year. It is brought up that sometimes it's very last minute, so Luong says to just send a list of SCL officers, SCLers in attendance, etc., for JCL to update.

10:49- Mr. Howard and Ms. Luong say that they want to do something different about SCL certamen. As it always gets low turnout, they propose to switch it to December, like AMSA Certamen was. They also wish to change the format to get more people, do more street certamen, and get more interest of people joining in. Because we have so many competitive tournaments, this should be moved because the timing is so jam packed. Also, college people are on break and can make it to the event. Shreya suggests that AMSA could host too, as its location it would be more ideal and centralized. There used to be an issue with food at AMSA, but Shreya says there's a new shopping center close by, so that people don't have to worry about ordering food. BU, the current location, is accessible by public transit and central for so many Boston people who show up, but Luong says we could try AMSA one year and then see what happens. Howard said it used to be different places but that it stays only BU now because of the people who go. Shreya says that we could use 2.5 floors for the tournament, and that she can get AMSA students on board. SCL will host so it will be branded as SCL Certamen, and then, if this is successful, we can have people apply to host SCL certamen in future years and it can travel around just like it did before.

10:54 The tournament format is 3 12 question rounds and finals. Shreya proposes that there is a street certamen for people who don't get into finals, and Ting says that in Quiz Bowl, you get a consolidation round with the finals questions but more relaxed.

10:55- To publicize, the board agrees to do it at Kick Off and Classics Day, and to reach out to sponsors at the different schools. We can get the sponsor list from Fillion, or use the list Jonathan had for BLS certamen. Luong says that Fillion might not have the whole list because she makes it as they sign up. Howard says that the questions have to be easy, as people feel lost because it's hard. He wrote BLA advanced, which is the general difficulty it should be.

CONSTITUTION

11:00 - Constitution discussion starts

11:02 - The people who edited are Andrew, Ting, and Kevin.

11: 03 - We agree to ratify the constitution and then propose further amendments at the next States.

11: 06 - Objective - we agree to outline responsibilities here and tell JCL what we're responsible for.

11:08 - Members - The types of membership are primary, secondary, and tertiary; change national office to state office. It's brought up to have a classics requirement, but SCL has never been fully classics, or about taking classics in college. Tertiary members cannot vote, make motions, or propose amendments. We agree to remove the "pinnacle of membership", as it should be more professional. Tertiary members are not paid members and are those who just want to stay as a part of it. Also, for social media, Ting and Shreya should be the only ones in charge of it. Also, only people who can vote can nominate others for office.

11:14- We agree to remove chartering local chapters, because it is not necessary for SCL, as many classics clubs refuse to be an SCL chapter.

11:14- The importance of the superiority clause is highlighted.

11:15 - Only primary members can run for office, if people are slashers and want to run for one of the qualification offices - they can be exempted. Luong says that the reason is that some SCLers don't join until states, and that some years, no one was eligible to run for office so there had to be an exemption. The board agrees to keep it for emergencies.

11:20 - The board agrees to add an (s) to advisors, because Luong may get hit by a car (or other catastrophic events); meetings can be skype, should happen 3 times, including states, transitional, etc.

11: 22 - Don't define transitional as closed, because we want strong attendance, get rid of swearing in, because SCL doesn't do that.

11: 25- Officers - add members at large. We agree to bring back editor because a lot of other states do have it, and it helps with publishing the convention ear. Mr Howard ran for publications editor for SCL and never once created a publication, so he thinks the idea is good, but we would have to take charge with it. Shreya proposes that they also can make the publicity materials, the flyers for SCL, Boston Elite, coordinating with state publication, that sort of thing. The board agrees to have the publications be the main duties and convention ear as secondary duties. Anna asks if publications editor should be in charge of social media, but it's agreed to be the duty of Webmaster. The board added duties for editor as publicity materials, spreading those materials, and potentially working on the convention ear.

11: 32- General Duties - come to convention, and attend at least one board meeting; the board should attend all board meetings or notify about conflicts, etc. People shouldn't be able to run if not at States, but exceptions can be made.

11: 37- President - should include coordinating and overseeing duties of the officers, add Academic testing and Certamen writing

11: 40- VP - Add assisting for dollars for scholars, fundraising event, etc.

11: 42- Treasurer - need a list of who paid and didn't pay; add clause for fundraising at discretion of board, getting money from testing, and coordinating subsidies for nats and stuff; set up application form for reimbursing; don't need to add designing merch; set up online payment/Venmo.

11: 51 - Secretary/Historian - work on scrapbook, record minutes; Jonathan proposes adding a digital scrapbook, and the idea is accepted.

11: 53 - Parliamentarian- because we now have parli, president doesn't have to oversee elections. The president is agreed to run it but parliamentarian can oversee, call for noms, etc.; we agree to add running elections running to president duties; the parliamentarian is also responsible for coordinating a system to get input on constitution from members.

11: 56 - Editor - in addition - add MassJCL board to list of coordinators. It is discussed whether it should be application or election for electing the Editor. At nationals, it is application based but they have a lot of candidates; in Massachusetts, we have very few and its very simple. There is no time to appoint it and not enough people.

12: 03 - Webmaster - only rearrange it; it is not necessary to make a new site ; the board agrees to just update but don't completely redo it; also, keep Facebook and add relevant content at discretion of board.

12: 06 - The board adds members at large duties - to help at events, assist executive board, maximum of 5; MALs are not lower, still board members, but they just do not have specific duties.

12: 10- Christina mentions that we should maintain a transitional document for the officers for next year, to keep a record of all things that are done, etc. to smoothen the transition.

12:14 - Amendments - only primary and secondary members can propose amendments, and they do it by the elections meeting, to allow for time to get familiar with amendments. There is a discussion about whether or not to give parliamentarian the right to give input on amendments. The general consensus is that they have the right and experience to do so, and the board votes in favor of giving them that ability.

12:27 - Bylaws exist so that the constitution is static and doesn't change as much. All changes made were in agreement with the decisions made about the constitution above.

12:39 - Dues - Members must pay \$6 once to NSCL for 4 years, and \$4 per year to MassSCL. For secondary membership, \$3 a year for MassSCL and \$4 for NSCL.

12:44 - The board agrees to move duties of advisors and officers to the constitution from the bylaws.

12:51 - Shreya moves to ratify the constitution, Anna seconds, and the motion passes.

12:52 - Shreya move to ratify the bylaws, Greta seconds, and the motion passes.

12:52 - We had a state of emergency for the newly created position of Editor; Shreya motions to appoint current MAL Jacob Hane to the position of Editor. It was seconded by Greta and passed.

12: 54 - Shreya moves to not release state of emergency for other MAL, Jonathan seconds, and it passes.

CERTAMEN

12: 54 - Boston Elite - The board agrees on a tentative date of September 29. Dalena says that we should book two months in advance or even book before nationals. For room numbers, we always use one auditorium and several classrooms. Howard proposes that we randomly choose teams. We will still leave it open for advanced people, but have one teacher, one SCLer, and one high schooler. This mixes up teams and ensures that we have a static number of teams of equal level. At this tournament, other people got discouraged because of difficulty, so we should also make the progression of rounds a lot easier. Prelims should go from almost novice to advanced prelims to advanced semis with fun stuff. Semifinals should be advanced finals and finals should be advanced and world series. The greek stuff also must be easy. Howard agrees to create question distribution. Questions should be in by the week after nationals, August 4. This gives a lot of time to organize. We agree to keep the raffle package for after Round 3 to let people leave if they must.

1:06 - December 8 is the tentative date for SCL Certamen. Shreya will get a better idea from AMSA, but she says we could book a lot of classrooms for all of the levels. The deadline for questions is October 7. We agree to do a consolation street certamen round during lunch time. It would be 15 questions and 1 bonus each. Jacob needs to publicize from Kick Off on. The board agrees to keep it in state because it should be marketed as an introductory tournament. Certamen resources will be posted on the SCL website.

1:16 - We discuss subsidies and agreed to figure out travel subsidies.

1:23 - Jacob asked if we can have a greater role with Kick Off. The board agrees to ask JCLers, but that it isn't likely because very few SCLers can travel all the way out to Kick Off.

1:25 - Christina proposes getting email accounts for all of the board members to put all documents and files.

1:27 - THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED